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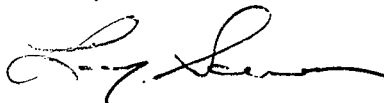
Ms. Rebecca Thomas  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8  
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Dear Rebecca,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently stated that it intends to begin negotiations with BNSF Railway Company regarding OU6 of the Libby Asbestos Site. Pursuant to 40 CFR §300.520 of the National Contingency Plan, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would like to participate in these response action negotiations with BNSF and EPA.

Please let us know EPA's anticipated schedule for the negotiations. Also, DEQ requests a meeting with EPA to discuss the goals for these negotiations. We look forward to working with EPA in these negotiations.

Sincerely,



Larry Scusa

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